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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
(DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS)**

NOTIFICATION

Port Blair, dated the 31st March, 2015

No. 46/2015/F.4(G-I)/30/Vol.II.— Consequent upon 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India and in supersession of the Notification No.102 dated 20.02.2007 issued to this effect by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands in exercise of powers conferred under Section 30 & 165 of the A&N Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 is hereby pleased to devolve the funds, functions and functionaries of the Department of Environment & Forests to the Zilla Parishad, Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samitis as follow to enable them to function as the institutions of Local Self Government in respect of Social Forestry and Farm Forestry in terms of 11th Schedule of the Constitution Amendment Act, 1992.

1. Functions :

Activity	Distribution of Functions		
	Zilla Parishad	Panchayat Samiti	Gram Panchayat
Social Forestry and Farm Forestry	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Promotion of Social Forestry and Farm Forestry amongst the PRIs;Promote and propagate the importance of Social/Farm Forestry activities for improving Ecology and Environment;Monitoring works taken up by Gram Samitis and Gram Panchayats for proper execution of the works;Propagate the importance of growing fuel/fodder/fruit bearing/ medicinal species on community lands along roads etc.;Procure and supply seedlings and saplings as and when required.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Formulation of Social/Farm Forestry Projects;Identification of site for plantation under such projects;Identification of site for Nursery;Growing and planting trees along roads, community lands etc. or as directed by the ZP;Ensure establishment and monitoring of Nurseries and Plantations;Propagate species of fodder, fuel, medicinal and others for plantation on community lands.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Identify lands for nursery and plantation in consultation with Panchayat Samiti;Execute the Farm/Social Forestry projects through the village;Distribute seedlings and saplings;Ensure proper maintenance of the Nurseries;Ensure proper protection of the Plantations;Ensure sustainable harvesting of the produce;Encourage the progressive farmers to take up Farm/Social Forestry and assist them;Ensure equitable benefit sharing of the produce.

2. Functionaries:

It is proposed to place the following functionaries of the Forest Department in diverted capacity to each of the two Zilla Parishads:

Functionary	Establishment	Remarks
Deputy Ranger/ Forester - I	Zilla Parishad (SA)	Range Officer of concerned area will assist as and when required.
Forest Guard - I		
Deputy Ranger/ Forester - I	Zilla Parishad (N&M)	Range Officer of concerned area will assist as and when required.
Forest Guard - I		

The functionaries placed with each Zilla Parishad shall attend to all the works related to the functions devolved in respect of all the Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats within the jurisdiction of the Zilla Parishads.

3. Funds :

The Head of Account 2406:01:198.01:00:31 Grant-in-Aid shall stand transferred to Department of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj Institutions & Urban Local Bodies (RD, PRIs & ULBs) and shall henceforth be operated by the Department of RD, PRIs & ULBs for execution of the functions devolved to PRIs as mentioned under 'Functions' hereinabove.

Lt. Gen. A.K. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.)
Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

By order and in the name of the Lt. Governor,

Sd./-
(Omkar Singh)
Principal Secretary (Environment & Forests),
Andaman & Nicobar Administration.